GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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RESEARCH ON TEMPORARY SUSPENSION
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a huge amount incurred on the research project conducted by the scientist`s of Pune University in collaboration with the DRDO on Temporary Suspension of Hunger and Walking Long distance without fatigue and also on Kautilya`s notes concerning night vision based on Arthashastra;

(b) if so, whether they have reached at some conclusions;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) A small Grants-in-Aid project costing Rs. 7.31 lakhs involving studies on `Temporary Suspension of Hunger` and `Walking Long Distance Without Fatigue` was sponsored by DRDO to University of PuneStudies on Kautilya`s notes concerning night vision based on Arthashastra were not a part of the project.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The studies show that compared to normal (control) animals, the formulation treated animals have shown better biochemical parameters and energy retention for longer periods. Treated animals maintained their body temperature well and also show significantly reduced mortality rate.

(d) Not applicable.